

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
COURT REPORTERS BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
September 19, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Julie Peak, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. at the Hiram W. Johnson State Office Building in San Francisco.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Julie Peak, Chair, CSR
Karen Gotelli, Vice Chair, Public Member
Gary Cramer, CSR
John Hisserich, Public Member
Alfred Knoll, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

David E. Brown, Executive Officer
Norine Marks, Staff Legal Counsel
Gail Jones, Enforcement Coordinator
Karen Ollinger, Special Projects

MINUTES

Ms. Peak asked if there were any additions or changes to the open session minutes of June 20, 2003. Mr. Al Knoll moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. John Hisserich seconded the motion; **MOTION CARRIED.**

VOICEWRITING - PILOT EVALUATION

The Board discussed the merits of evaluating voicewriting technology to record and produce a verbatim transcript under the California CSR guidelines. The Deposition Reporters Association and the California Official Court Reporters Association spoke against the proposal based on the potential outcome of licensing voicewriters. After hearing no argument concerning a consumer harm related to the proposal, Board Member Gary Cramer made a motion to evaluate voicewriting technology to record and produce a verbatim transcript using the California CSR dictation examination. Mr. John Hisserich seconded the motion; **MOTION CARRIED.**

PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT HEARING

At 3:30 p.m., the Board heard the petition for reinstatement of Catherine Marie Luciano whereupon, the Board adjourned to closed session for deliberation.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Al Knoll moved to nominate Julie Peak as chairperson of the Board and Ms. Karen Gotelli as vice-chair. Mr. Hisserich seconded the motion; **MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE CRITERIA AND POLICY

Mr. Knoll moved to adopt the draft performance evaluation policy regarding the review of the Executive Officer. Mr. Hisserich seconded the motion; **MOTION CARRIED.**

BOARD POLICY ON USE OF MERRIAM-WEBSTER'S COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY

Mr. David Brown stated the current policy of the Board is to use the latest edition of the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. The latest edition currently available is the eleventh edition and will be used by the Board for candidate appeals on and after the March 2004 CSR examination.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Board tentatively scheduled the following meeting dates:

- December 11, 2003 - Los Angeles;
- January 23, 2004 - Burbank

ADJOURN

Ms. Peak adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

JULIE PEAK, Chair DATE

DAVID E. BROWN, Executive Officer DATE